



# Cecily Anne O'Regan

## PARTNER

Ever since I was a kid I was always fascinated by technology. I became a patent attorney focusing on entrepreneurs because I believe entrepreneurs develop technology that makes the world a better place and I love helping entrepreneurs create value in their business. For years I've said, I work on everything from surfboards to semi-conductors, but I don't do drugs (i.e., no pharma). I am a Silicon Valley IP veteran and am looking forward to continuing to work in Silicon Valley and expanding my presence to the Boston-metro start-up scene.

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## Overview

Cecily O'Regan is a partner with Fishman Stewart. She is a registered patent attorney with over 25 years of experience in patent and intellectual property law. Cecily focuses her practice on securing worldwide intellectual property protection and related business strategies for emerging technology clients. She is a veteran Silicon Valley IP practitioner and has a passion for helping entrepreneurs identify their sustainable competitive advantage and create value in their business. Her areas of focus include medical devices, biometrics, software, and clean technologies.

As an entrepreneurial patent professional, Cecily combines legal, academic, and business credentials with her hands-on experience to provide strategic, market-focused patent portfolio development and intellectual property advice for clients. She also performs patent due diligence to assess patent portfolios for venture capital investment, mergers and acquisitions, and licensing opportunities. Cecily is a named inventor on eight issued patents and author on 12 patent publications in the medical device and software fields.

Cecily has taught various business classes and is a frequent speaker on intellectual property law. She has been a recommended practitioner on the annual IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals list since 2022 and was recognized as a World Intellectual Property Review (WIPR) Leader in 2024.

Outside of work, Cecily is a frequent business plan competition judge and mentor to entrepreneurs and budding patent practitioners. She is a Past President of the Palo Alto University Rotary Club of Rotary International and spearheaded a crowd funding campaign to build a maternal health clinic in El Salvador.

## Education

- J.D. from University of San Francisco School of Law, where she was on Law Review
- Master of Laws with distinction at the University of Edinburgh (Scotland) in Innovation, Technology and the Law
- S.S. from the University of California at Irvine
- Graduate Certificate in BioDesign from Stanford University

## Practice Areas

- Patents
- Technology and E-Commerce

## Memberships

- Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) and IEEE

## Admissions

- California, Massachusetts, Washington DC, US Patent and Trademark Office, UK Solicitor
- Supreme Court of California
- District of Columbia, Court of Appeals
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

## Community

- Previously Adjunct Professor of Entrepreneurial Management and Entrepreneurial Law, University of San Francisco
- Past President, Palo Alto University Rotary Club of Rotary International
- Legal Services for Entrepreneurs (part of Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights) and Hastings Legal Garage – Perform pro bono patent work
- Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights – Perform pro bono work for asylum seeker